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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Supplementing the IDS at filing, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the three Japanese language references previously submitted in the IDS at filing as documents BA, BB and BC with their English language translations as listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached, together with a translation of the non-English language references. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits.

This will also certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to this submission. Specifically, these Japanese language documents were cited in an Action dated October 9, 2007 in the corresponding Japanese priority application. A copy of the Japanese action is provided, but a translation is not

readily available. The relevance of the documents can be seen from their English language translations and from the fact of their citation in a corresponding counterpart application.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references. Please take these additional materials into account in the initial examination of this application along with the prior IDS and the background information in the specification as filed.

It is also believed that no fee is due with this submission. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2803. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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